

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 12th July (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. This week, the book of Acts tells us that Jesus is STILL powerful and that trusting Jesus is the only way to be saved. We'll see the power of the Holy Spirit as he helps Peter and John heal a lame man and speak to a huge crowd of people about Jesus.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haQzAJottXw>

9am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.55am latest.

0. Starter discussion question: “Poll: What do you find most difficult about prayer?”

- A. I find myself too busy to pray
- B. I don't know what words to use in prayer.
- C. I sometimes find prayer boring (though I know it shouldn't be this way)
- D. I find myself getting distracted all the time when I'm praying
- E. Others: [insert your answer]”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 103

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Joshua Baru)

SONG 1: Let your kingdom come

SONG 2: Jesus, Strong & Kind (New song! Link here if you want to listen to it first:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac)

3. Help for Christians: “How can I improve my prayer life?”

4. Prayers of intercession

- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: Matthew 6:5-15

⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,^[a]
but deliver us from the evil one.^[b]

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

a. Matthew 6:13 The Greek for *temptation* can also mean *testing*.

b. Matthew 6:13 Or *from evil*; some late manuscripts *one, / for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

SERMON OUTLINE: Let your kingdom come – the Lord’s Prayer (Matt. 6:5-15)

“When you pray”

But...I don’t pray...

- A utilitarianism problem
- An approachability problem
- A shame problem

Result: perform or babble

How can we pray? How should we pray?

Verse 9: “This, then, is how you should pray...”

The heart of prayer: “Our Father in heaven”

Prayer is simply talking to a loving Father whom we’re confident will respond

Ancient pagan prayers vs The Lord’s Prayer

What sort of Father is he?

- Full of power and authority (eg. Matt. 15:13)

- Cares for his creation with great affection (eg. Matt. 6:26, 30; 10:29-30)
- Loves to give good gifts (Matt. 7:9-11)
- Knows what we need before we even ask (Matt. 6:8)

So come to him....not just as Jesus' Father, but *our* Father

Prayer – not correctly stringing together a set of religious words, BUT addressing another person who wants to know us

But what are we to pray for?

A model, in the form of 6 brief petitions

Flexibility – literally reciting these exact words / as the scaffolding around the tower of prayer

Divided into 2 groupings, arising out of God's basic identity as Father

Training us to walk with him

1. Pray with devotion to our Father

The same request, from slightly different angles

Future-oriented

“Hallowed be your name”

“Your kingdom come”

The two cities

Your will be done

egs. of God's revealed will: 1 Thess. 4:3, 5:18

2. Pray in dependence on our Father

for...

a) Our provision: "Give us today our daily bread"

The OT background

b) Our pardon: "Forgive us our debts..."

The heavy burden

Unburdening ourselves to our Father

Applying the gospel to others (v.14-15)

Forgiving doesn't make you a Christian, but Christians do forgive

c) Our protection: "Lead us not into temptation/testing but deliver us from the evil one"

James 1:13?

One possibility: Asking God not to lead us into a situation where Satan will seize the opportunity to tempt us

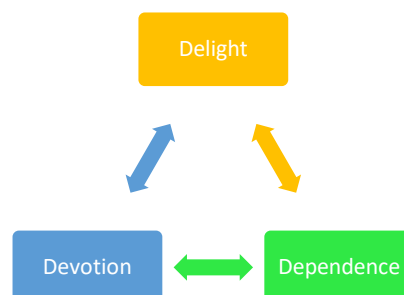
A slightly different way of understanding this verse

OT background

Every area of life

Our Teacher at work (Matt 26:42)

"Prayer is the daily habit of opening your mouth wide for all the fulness of God." – John Starke



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 on earth as it is in heaven.

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And forgive us our debts,

 as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

 but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastoral update
- Connect cards
- Webinar: "Walking with Depression" (17th July – this Friday!)
- Webinar: "The Chasm of the Cross: Gospel-centrality in a believer's life" (31st July)
- Ministry reports and AGM
- Giving + Mission pledge cards
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14